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SUBJECT: NEW AUSTRIAN TRANSIT FACILITY FOR
SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY MADE LONG-WAITED ANNOUNCE-
MENT TODAY FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING THAT NEW
TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FACILITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED
IN BABENBERG MILITARY CAMP AT WOELLERSDORF
(APPROXIMATELY 39 MILES SOUTH OF VIENNA) AND THAT
SCHOENAU CAMP WILL BE CLOSED IN "FORSEEABLE
FUTURE". KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT IN CONTRAST TO
SCHOENAU WOELLERSDORF WILL BE SIMPLY AN AID STATION
EQUIPPED FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS TO HANDLE EMIGRES
IN NEED OF MEDICAL CARE BEFORE CONTINUING TO
ISRAEL. THIS ARRANGEMENT INDICATES GOA EXPECTS
MOST EMIGRES TO CONTINUE JOURNEY WITHOUT OVERNIGHT
STOPOVER IN AUSTRIA.

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2. AMPLIFYING ON CHANCELLOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT,
MININTERIOR ROESCH ANNOUNCED THAT (IN CONTRAST
TO SCHOENAU TRANSIT CAMP WHERE JEWISH AGENCY
ADMINISTERS FACILITY) WOELLERSDORF STATION WOULD
BE UNDER DIRECTION OF LOWER AUSTRIAN RED CROSS
AND THAT THIS FACILITY SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL IN
"NEAR FUTURE". INDICATIVE OF TIMING MAY BE
NOVEMBER 12 ANNOUNCEMENT BY DEFENSE MINISTRY
THAT WOELLERSDORF WILL BE TURNED OVER TO RED
CROSS ON NOVEMBER 17.HUMES

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